agency which would take care of all the safety aspects of hazards, including environmental considerations and to associate outside experts in such an agency; to identify the critical areas to be included in the check-list for assisting the regular inspection agencies to make inspection of such units more meaningful and effective; ensure that all hazardous chemicals either in bulk storage or in processes in closed plants are promptly disposed off by the management.

National Drugs Authority

945. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 297 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th August, 1985 and state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to set up a National Drugs Authority; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken for the implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mobile Telephone and Paging Service

946. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce mobile telephone and paging service in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce such services in Mizoram;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The mobile radio telephone and radio paging services are being introduced shortly in Delhi for the first time in the country.

(b) *Mobile Radio Telephone Services*

This service will be available for a limited number of subscribers in the Union Territory of Delhi and can be availed from a moving vehicle. The telephone will work on the vehicle battery. All usual facilities will be available incuding national and international subscriber dialled calls. The rent of the mobile radio telephone will be Rs. 2000 per month.

Radio Paging Service:

This service will be available in the Union Territory of Delhi. The 'paged' subscriber will get a tone alert on his pager, which is carried by him, to indicate a paging call. A pre-assigned telephone number will, then, be contacted by the paged subscriber to obtain the message. The rent for the paper will be Re. 300 per month.

(c) Not at present, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the reply to para (c) above.

(e) These services can be extended to other cities in the country depending upon the success and popularity of the services being introduced in Delhi and the financial resources of the Department.

Meeting of Heads of Telecommunication Circles

947. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the heads of telecommunication circles was recently held in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the main subjects discussed at this meeting; and

(c) what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) A meeting of the General Managers of Department of Telecommunications was held in the beginning of November, 1985.

(b) The following main subjects were deliberated upon at the meeting:

(1) Improvement of telephone and telegraph services with special thrusts on automation and time-bound programme.

(2) productivity of the staff.

(3) Seventh Five-Year Plan

(4) Training

(5) Discipline

(6) Personnel & Financial Management.

(c) The deliberations are expected to supplement the efforts being made for expansion and improvement of telecom services.

Connecting District Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh with Hyderabad by STD

948. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many district headquarters in Andhra Pradesh have been connected with Hyderabad, the State Capital, by STD facilities;

(b) what are the names of those districts and by when other districts in Andhra Pradesh are expected to be connected with the State Capital by STD facilities: and

(c) what are the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 21 district headquarters in Andhra Pradesh have been provided STD facility with Hyderabad.

(b) A list of the names of the district headquarters mentioned at 'a' above is available in the Statement (See below).

Two district headquarters viz. Nizamabad and Elluru (West Godavari district) are manual exchanges. However Manual Subscriber Trunk Dialling (MSTD) facility is available to them *via* Hyderabad Tax and Vijayawada TAX respectively.

(c) Subscriber Trunk Dialling facility at Nizamabad and Elluru exchanges has been planned after automization of these exchanges planned during 7th Plan period.

Statement

Names of District Headquarters in Andhra Pradesh connected with Hyderabad on STD:

1. Adilabad
2. Anantpur
3. Chittoor
4. Cuddappah
5. Guntur
6. Kakinada
7. Khammam
8. Machlipatnam
9. Nalgonda
10. Nellore
11. Ongole
12. Secunderabad 1.
13. Secunderabad 2 (Rangareddy)
14. Srikakulam
15. Vishakhapatnam
16. Vizianagram
17. Warangal
18. Mehboobnagar
19. Sangareddy
20. Karimnagar
21. Kurnool

Expansion of Telecommunication Network

949. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for the expansion of telecommunication network in the country during the Seventh Plan period; and